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LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE RENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has taken a decision to collect telephone rent from the subscribers three months in advance;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) if not, whether any such cases have been noticed in some telecom circles in the country particularly in Kerala ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;and

(e) the action taken thereon ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) took a decision in march 2001 to start levying rental in advance rather than in areas w.e.f. May 2001. A detailed order was accordingly issued to is units on 23.3.2001. Since the prevailing billing was in arrears, the first bill of May 2001 included the usual renal for March and April 2001 (in arrears), current rental for May 2001 and advance rental for June and July 2001. Thus the bill covered rental for a total period of five months. After this, the bi-monthly advance rental system would have stabilized. However, as several subscribers from different Circles including Kerala expressed difficulty in paying rental for five months in one go, the order prescribing introduction of advance rental scheme was subsequently cancelled on 31.5.2001.